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TRusty and welbeloued, although you are sufficiently enformed of the occasions which the Duke of *Guise* now deceased hath giuen vs, to reuenge our selues of those troubles which hee hath spread in our Realme, and of the enterprises and attempts which hee hath made of later yeares against our state and Crowne, yea our honour and life: neuertheless (expecting vntill we geue you more particularlie to vnderstand how he hath vsed himselfe ingratefully towardes vs insteede of amendes, whereas wee pardoned him all thinges passed, in hope that our gentleneſſe, and the good turnes and honour which since then wee haue done vnto him, and did euerie day, to the misliking of our good and Loyall seruantes and Subiectes, which were still offended with it, might bring him to the right way againe) Wee will onelie signifie vnto you, that of late his insolencie was growen so farre, that despising our Authoritie, hee hath omitted nothing of that which hee might doe, to bring vs into trouble, and to

take our crowne from vs, yea our owne life. And if he hath not done it, it is becauſe hee coulde not doe it, which hath geuen vs iuſt occaſion to make him knowe that GOD hath geuen vs the Authoritie, the meanes, and the courage to chaſtice him, according to his deſart, by the loſſe of his life. Whereof wee haue not thought amiſſe to aduertiſe you by theſe preſentes, to the ende you may knowe the truth of it, leaſt by ſalſe reportes it be colourably altred vnto you, geuing you moreouer to vnderſtand, that we will by no meanes leaue our holy entrpriſe to make warre againſt the Heritickes, and to roote them out: but rather, as it was not grounded eyther vppon the late deceaſed Duke of *Guyſe* his life or death, nor his ambition; but vppon the zeale and affection which we haue allwaies borne, and will alwayes haue engraued in the bottome of our hearte, to the glory of GOD, and the encreaſe of our Catholicke, Apoſtolicke, and Romane Religion; ſo likewiſe it cannot be by any occaſions whatſoeuer remooued from vs. Our will therefore is, that our Subiectes of our iuriſdiction be enformed of the iuſt cauſes of the puniſhment which they haue receiued, and of our good and holy purpoſes. And that likewiſe, you endeuour your ſelues to keepe euery one in their obedience which they owe vnto vs, whereby they may aſſure themſelues to be eaſed as much as we can, and whiles they ſhall continewe in their duty, they ſhall finde vs alwayes their gratious King, readie to gratifie them as farr as their fidelitie ſhall deſerue; and likewiſe to chaſtice them if they forget their dutie, and withdrawe

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Geuen at Bloys, *the 24. day of December. 1588.*

Sygned thus, *HENRY.*

And lower, *REVOS.*

Preſented the ſecond of Ianuary 1589.

And on the backe ſide

To our truſtie and welbeloued of our Court of Parliament at *BVRDEAVX.*

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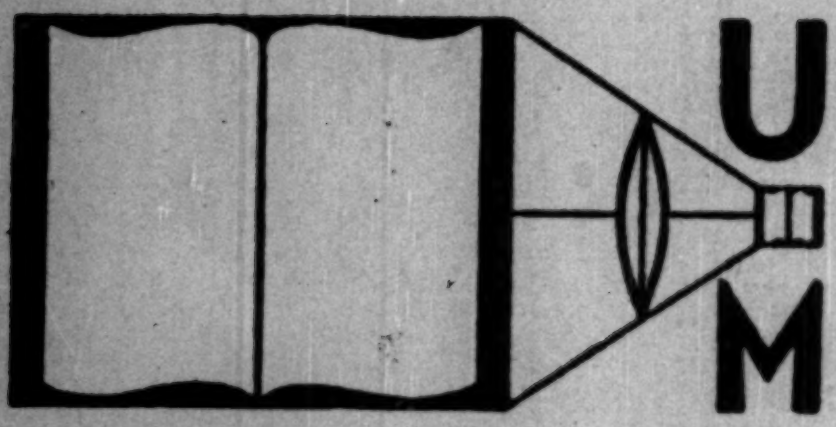

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